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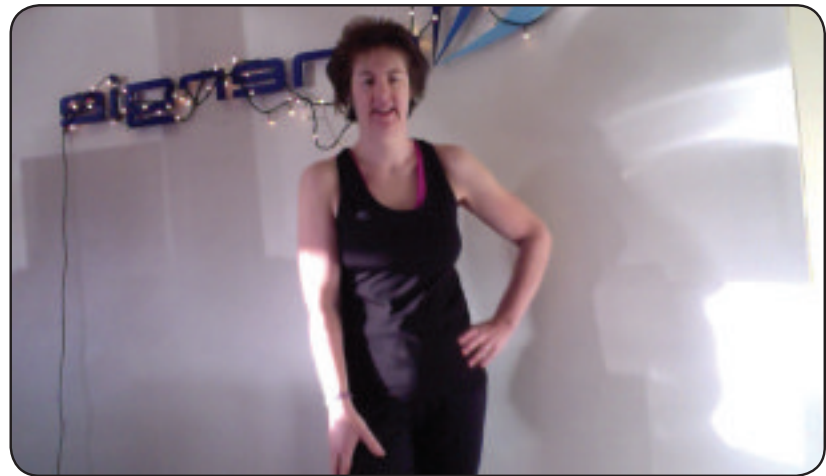
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Campaigners tell of worry over future services at the site

# HORTON: THE BIG DEBATE

By Sam McGregor

**A PUBLIC meeting over future services at Banbury's Horton Hospital – which campaigners believe could be under threat – will be staged early next month.**

People are being urged to say what services they think should be delivered at the Oxford Road hospital, and to discuss the suspension of emergency abdominal surgery since last January.

Campaign group Save the Horton General wants residents to lobby the meeting in Banbury on February 5, from 6pm to 8.15pm, and have their say.

The group is concerned the hospital's future could be in jeopardy following the suspension of the emergency surgery unit a year ago.

The Oxford University Hospitals Trust said concerns were raised by GPs over gall bladder surgery, and then three consultants left, leaving the unit "unsustainable".

It coincided with Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (OCCG) starting work on a five-year plan to decide where and what services should be delivered by the county's hospitals.

Now, Banbury MP Sir Tony Baldry has also joined the debate and urged the OCCG to publish its plan as a matter of urgency.

Keith Strangwood,



chairman of Save the Horton General group, said: "Once a service has been removed, it's harder to get it back."

"Now, anything that involves using a scalpel out of hours is done at the JR on Oxford."

"It is a serious threat to the Horton."

"It's totally different to the last time when they were planning to remove services."

"You can't just take away a major service without consultation."

"How can you have an acute general hospital that has no emergency surgery available?"

Sir Tony said: "We are still awaiting the OCCG to publish its proposals for what services it is going to

procure and where."

"Until that time it's just speculation, which just causes disquiet and uncertainty."

"The sooner OCCG publishes its consultation document, everyone can see what's proposed."

Ian Wilson, interim chief executive of OCCG, said: "We are interested in hearing the views of local people across the county on how we can best deliver healthcare for them."

"This is an opportunity for the people of Banbury to give us their views."

The results of the public meeting will be reported back to Oxfordshire County Council's health overview and scrutiny committee on

February 27. As the *Cake* went to press, a venue for the meeting had yet to be confirmed, but people who want to go along should register by calling 01865 231472 or email caroline.rouse@ouh.nhs.uk

**ABOVE: Keith Strangwood, of Save the Horton General group**

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## InBRIEF

### Probe follows man's death

■ A 95-year-old man, who refused to be taken to hospital following a fall, died just days later, an inquest heard. Philip Carrington, of Bank House, Burdorp, fell on to a table on January 3 and was later admitted to The Horton Hospital, Banbury, three days later. He died on January 11. Oxfordshire Coroner's Court heard that Mr Carrington's cause of death was pneumonia due to rib fractures. The inquest was adjourned.

### Civic advice

■ BANBURY residents can meet town councillors to discuss concerns at a drop-in session next month. Banbury Town Council will hold the session from 10am to noon on Saturday February 1, at the Town Hall, Bridge Street.

### Hi-tech game

■ A CHARITY that provides access to computer games for disabled youngsters is encouraging fundraisers to take part in a gaming marathon. The 24-hour GameBlast UK-wide gaming marathon takes place on the weekend of February 21 to 23. Gamers will be sponsored to play video games for 24-hours. To find out more visit [specialeffect.org.uk](http://specialeffect.org.uk)

### Club's plan

■ BANBURY Rugby Union Football Club, which is based in Oxford Road, Banbury, has applied for planning permission to demolish its current clubhouse and build a new one. A decision has yet to be made by Cherwell District Council.

## InCOURT

■ **GAVIN BUCKLE**, 25, of West Street, Banbury, admitted stealing £45.60 worth of meat from Tesco Express in Middleton Road, Banbury, on November 24. Given a 12-month conditional discharge and ordered to pay a £15 victims' surcharge and £85 costs.

■ **RICHARD EVANS**, 42, of Fiennes Road, Banbury, admitted failing to supply a specimen of breath for analysis in the course of a police investigation at Banbury Police Station on November 23. Fined £320 and ordered to pay a £32 victims' surcharge and £85 costs. Banned from driving for seven days.

■ **LINUS NKOMO**, 38, of Appleby Close, Banbury, admitted using threatening words or behaviour likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress in Banbury on November 24. Fined £100 and ordered to pay a £20 victims' surcharge and £85 costs.

■ **HAYLEY SMITH-WHITEHEAD**, 34, of Edmunds Road, Banbury, admitted possessing cannabis, a Class-B drug, in Banbury on November 7. Given an 18-month conditional discharge and ordered to pay a £15 victims' surcharge and £85 costs.

■ **DANIEL WADE**, 26, of High Acres, Banbury, admitted using threatening words or behaviour to cause harassment, alarm or distress in Bicester on November 24. Fined £35 and ordered to pay a £20 victims' surcharge and £85 costs.

■ **BRADLEY JONES**, 21, of New Road, Bledington, near Chipping Norton, admitted stealing four bottles of Jack Daniels whiskey, worth £77, from Chipping Norton Co-op and CDs and DVDs worth £89.92 from WH Smiths in Chipping Norton on November 22. Also admitted possessing three wraps of cannabis, a Class-B, drug, in Chipping Norton on the same date and failing to surrender to custody on the same date. Offences were committed while subject to a suspended sentence of six months, made by Oxfordshire Magistrates Court on April 25, for possessing a shotgun without a

licence. Sent to prison for a total of 18 weeks.

■ **JOHN DANBY**, 22, of Oxford Road, Banbury, admitted being drunk and disorderly in a public place, namely Warwick Road, Banbury, on December 6. Fined £60 and ordered to pay a £20 victims' surcharge and £40 costs.

■ **JESSICA TUSTAIN**, 21, of Boxhedge Road, Banbury, admitted stealing £78 worth of shoes from Debenhams and £59.99 worth of DVDs from HMV at Castle Quay shopping centre in Banbury on November 18. Given a six-month conditional discharge and ordered to pay £149.97 compensation to the shops.

■ **DAVID FRENCH**, 29, of Oxford Road, Banbury, admitted stealing five bottles of aftershave worth £199 from Debenhams in Castle Quay, Banbury, on October 28. Also admitted interfering with cars in Butcher's Row and Newland Place,

Banbury, on October 4 and stealing a bottle of wine worth £8 from Co-op on Middleton Road on June 24. Ordered to participate in a nine-day alcohol rehabilitation programme and to be supervised for 12 months. Also ordered to pay a £60 victims' surcharge, £40 costs and £8 compensation for the wine.

■ **SAMUEL MERRIDAN**, 22, of Main Street, Hanwell, admitted drink-driving in Hanwell on May 3. Had 48mg of alcohol in 100ml of breath above the legal limit of 35mg. Fined £225 and ordered to pay a £23 victims' surcharge and £400 costs. Banned from driving for 12 months.

■ **CHRISTOPHER JEFFREY**, 21, of Hannis Road, Chipping Norton, admitted possessing cannabis, a Class-B drug, in Chipping Norton on November 22. Fined £166 and told to pay a £20 victims' surcharge and £85 costs.

■ **JAKE ORWA**, 20, of The Fairway, Banbury, admitted damaging a £1,000 glass window of Master Kebabs in Banbury High Street on December 15. Fined £110 and ordered to pay £520 compensation and £85 costs.



# Charity bid to boost fundraising with Care for a Cuppa campaign Brewing up an idea

A NEW fundraising campaign has been launched by Katharine House Hospice.

The charity, based in Adderbury, wants supporters to hold a coffee morning or afternoon tea in return for donations to the hospice.

Care for a Cuppa will run between Saturday, March 1, and

By Emma Harrison

Sunday, March 9.

Events can be held at work, school or at home and participants will be sent a fundraising pack.

Sarah Brennan, the charity's community fundraiser, said: "Why not brighten up the



winter months by taking part in Care for a Cuppa?

"Your event can be as big or

small as you like. Simply ask your guests to give a donation for tea, coffee or cake.

"You could even hold a raffle or sweepstake at your event for something a bit different."

She added: "It's not just our individual supporters who can hold a Care for a Cuppa; we'd love to hear from local cafes, pubs and restaurants who'd like

to hold their own event, or maybe even a Care for a Curry or cocktail.

"You could donate £1 for every curry or cocktail purchased during Care for a Cuppa week. The possibilities are endless."

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## A golfing father helps raise cash for research

A FATHER, whose son has diabetes, has raised £17,500 to help pay for research into the condition.

Duncan White, from Bloxham, raised the money through auctions and tournaments at Tadmarton Heath Golf Club, Banbury, where he is captain.

The retired sales manager had persuaded the club to pick Diabetes UK as its charity of the year.

Mr White's son, Craig, was diagnosed with Type One diabetes when he was five.

Craig often suffered from "hypos" – a drop in blood glucose levels that can cause temporary loss of consciousness.

Mr White said: "Dealing with Craig's hypos twice a night was very difficult. It affected the whole family. So I hope our donation can go some way to prevent others having to experience the same situation."

The money will go towards a research project to create a first-generation prototype of an "artificial pancreas", using a continuous glucose monitor and an insulin pump.

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Charity fundraising manager Nicola Musk said: "We are immensely grateful for Duncan and his golf club for such a generous donation."

## Library event

MIDDLETON Cheney Library is hosting an evening with poet and artist George Emmerson, who will talk about his life and experiences, on January 30. He will demonstrate a painting session, before reading some poetry. The evening starts at 7.30pm. Tickets for adults are £5 in advance.

## Officer, her lover and his wife in police data trial

# Threats made me do it, PC tells court

**A POLICE officer passed on crash victims' details because of threats from her lover who ran a car repair garage, a court has heard.**

PC Sugra Hanif, from Banbury, is accused of using Thames Valley Police's computer system to contact those involved in car accidents and pressure them into making personal-injury claims.

But she told Winchester Crown Court this week that she felt compelled to search for the details because of serious threats from her co-accused Raza Khan.

Taking the witness stand on

**By Ben Wilkinson**

the first day of her defence, the 26-year-old said she and Khan, 27, had rekindled their relationship two weeks after he was released from prison in 2011.

Hanif, who became a qualified police officer in 2008, said Khan told her he was starting up an accident claims company.

"I supported him because he was trying to turn his life around."

Yet she added: "He asked me if I could gain access to

accident data on the police computer."

But she said: "He started saying 'get me the information' and the threats began to build up."

The trial heard Hanif viewed 2,500 individual Unique Reference Numbers on police computers. Hanif, Khan and his wife, Paramjeet Kaur, allegedly pocketed £600-a-time for referring accident victims to legal firms.

But Hanif told the court that she feared Khan would tell her family she had had an abortion if she did not get the details, adding: "It was the fear of him

telling my family about my past.

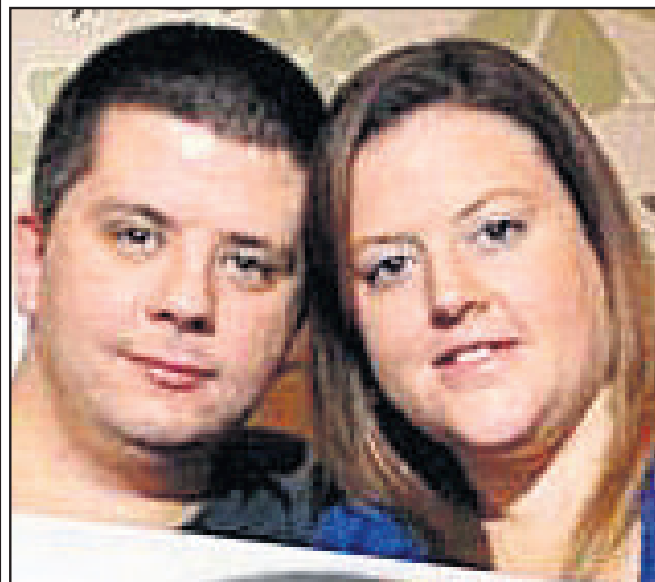
"He said that he knew people that would hurt my family.

"He had a hold over me."

Hanif, of Bretch Hill, Banbury, denies obtaining personal data from TVP control and command system and a charge of disclosing the personal data.

Khan, from Birmingham, denies obtaining personal data from TVP control and command system.

Kaur, 26, also from Birmingham, Khan and Hanif all deny conspiracy to commit misconduct in a public office. The trial continues.



Fundraisers Luke and Gemma Froude

## Fun tribute to son

**A COUPLE, who have raised more than £50,000 in memory of their son, will mark what would have been his fourth birthday by raising more cash.**

Luke, 33, and Gemma Froude, 32, will stage the fourth Finnley's Day to mark the day they lost their son, Finnley. He was born 12 weeks premature weighing 1lb 4oz and cared for in the neo-natal intensive care unit at the John Radcliffe Hospital.

But the youngster suffered complications and died aged 18 weeks in June 2010.

Each year the couple have staged a fun day to raise cash for the Support for Sick Newborns and their Parents, a charity based at the hospital.

This year's event takes place at Banbury Town Hall, in Bridge Street, on Saturday, February 1, from 9am to 5pm.

## Teacher is banned over 'dishonesty'

A FORMER independent school teacher has been banned from teaching for life.

A disciplinary hearing of the National College for Teaching and Leadership was told that 47-year-old Timothy Bailey, who taught at Kingham Hill School, Chipping Norton, between 2007 and 2011, had showed a "deep-seated dishonesty".

Bailey, who has convictions for benefit fraud and had been cautioned for bigamy, had failed to disclose his criminal convictions when applying for work at Wycliffe School, Stroud, and falsely told them he was a registered teacher when in fact he was serving an earlier ban.

While at Kingham Hill School, Bailey, who taught modern foreign languages, falsely claimed his father had

died and his daughter had been in a serious car crash.

Bailey was dismissed from Kingham Hill School in January 2011. He had previously lost his job at two others – Stowe School, Buckinghamshire, and Rosall School, Lancashire – but didn't tell his most recent employer, Wycliffe School.

In the ruling, Department of Education official Paul Heathcote said: "In view of the continued misconduct and the deep-seated nature of Mr Bailey's dishonesty, I agree with the panel's recommendation – that Mr Bailey should be prohibited from teaching."

Bailey was permanently banned from teaching for unacceptable professional conduct.

## InBRIEF

### Death probe man released

■ A MAN arrested over the death of a 27-year-old woman in Banbury has been released on bail.

The 49-year-old from Banbury was arrested on suspicion of manslaughter after police and paramedics found Anne-Marie Gale unresponsive when called to Dover Avenue on Wednesday of last week.

She died later at the Horton General Hospital. The man has been released on bail until March 27.

### Fraud charge

■ THE former head of counter-fraud at Oxfam in Oxford will stand trial accused of stealing from the charity.

Edward McKenzie-Green, of The Leys, Chipping Norton, appeared at the Old Bailey on Monday ahead of the start of the trial on March 10.

The 34-year-old is accused of taking £62,857.58 and a laptop in 2011. He denies fraud by abuse of position and theft by employee.

His father, Edward Green, 62, from Cumbernauld, Glasgow, who has denied laundering £35,571.75, is due to stand trial on the same date.

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# Relics from pre-history



## Visitors marvel at show

**THIS 140-million-year-old ammonite fossil, right, was among exhibits that were on show at Banbury Museum.**

Other items in the Natural Histories exhibition included a Megalosaurus jawbone and specimens collected by Charles Darwin.

The Castle Quay shopping centre museum was using items from Oxford University Museums and Collections.

Events and exhibitions manager Dale Johnson said:

"It was exciting to be able to put such wonderful specimens on show in Banbury.

"People don't often get the chance to see the world's first scientifically-described dinosaur bone alongside creatures collected by Charles Darwin on his famous 'Beagle' voyage and the oldest object they are ever likely to see!

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The exhibition at the free museum ended yesterday.



ABOVE: Museum and exhibitions manager Dale Johnston  
ABOVE, right: A 140,000,000-year-old ammonite RIGHT: A jawbone of a Megalosaurus Bucklandii

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Farmer invests £1m in new enterprise to help create a better environment

# The business of helping wildlife

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But someone who is trying to help create a natural, blooming environment on our doorsteps is Marcus Waley Cohen.

Along with Rob Allan, manager of his Upton Estate, north of Banbury, he has set up a new business, Birds and Bees, designed to help create a better environment for everyone.

So far, most of the effort has been focused on the bird end of the business with a wide range of feeds, seeds, dispensers and boxes to encourage our feathered friends to visit our gardens.

Come spring, it will offer pollen-rich flower seeds, such as lavender, to grow which will help preserve and

encourage bees and other insects by offering a slice of their natural habitat, much of which has been lost by intensive farming methods in recent years.

The business has taken root as a

By Debbie Waite

result of Mr Waley Cohen and Mr Allan spending 10 years transforming the Upton Estate into a wildlife haven, overseeing a major revival of birds, bees and butterflies.

Mr Waley Cohen said: "We have dedicated ourselves to conservation, operating a high level of stewardship to bring more wildlife to the countryside."

In 2012, Mr Allan won the prestigious title Countryside Farmer of the Year at the *Farmers Weekly* awards for his work transforming the Upton Estate.

A key part of his work was to create "scallop" — patches of bare soil bordering woodland which have been cleared to provide a habitat for butterflies, moths and bees.

Now the time has come to spread the message through the medium of Birds and Bees to gardeners and home owners.

Mr Waley Cohen, 36, the fourth generation of his family to farm the Upton Estate, said: "The idea is to put

what we have done here into people's gardens. That will, in turn, help the farm continue to look after wildlife."

Mr Waley Cohen is determined to present an alternative to fertilisers and other chemicals, such as pesticides.

And he believes the tide may be turning.

"There are good intentions from Government to encourage farmers to look after wildlife. But there has to be a solid, practical reason for doing it. We are creating a coherent loop from farm to garden."

Mr Waley Cohen is so confident that his new enterprise has a sound future that he has invested £1m in launching it.

Some of the money has gone on hiring an agency that has produced bag designs that are "full of life and fun."

Based only on the Internet, Birds and Bees seems to have immediate appeal.

"In the first three months we have had about 3,000 customers," said Mr Waley Cohen.

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Cloudy2Clear service the Oxford, Banbury & Abingdon areas and Trevor is finding that his approach is a major factor

in his success. "The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for, which just goes to show

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County's motorsport leads the economic way, doubling in value

# Industry in the fast lane

**THE motorsport industry – with Oxfordshire at its heart – has become one of the most important in the UK, a new report has revealed.**

While the rest of the economy has been limping along in the slow lane, motorsport has bucked the trend and is now worth £9bn, having doubled in value from £4.6bn in 2000, according to the Motorsport Industry Association.

The county is at the centre of "Motorsport Valley" with four Formula One teams – Lotus, Williams, Marussia and Caterham – and hundreds of other companies involved in other areas or acting as suppliers and providing thousands of jobs.

David Richards set up Banbury-based Prodrive 30 years ago with 14 employees. Now it has 600 staff and a turnover of £110m.

He said: "Motorsport technology is cutting edge, so much so that when aerospace people come to see us they say 'Wow'."

"People have to look at motorsport as an industry, not just a fun thing where people go round a racing circuit."

"The sector is full of entrepreneurs pushing the boundaries and looking for opportunities."

Prodrive's expertise has stretched to producing cutting-edge technology for

**By Andrew Smith**

electric and hybrid cars, cabins for airliners, components for satellites and even parts for the Rover space vehicle, which will fly to Mars.

The MIA's review, done with UK

Trade and Investment and the Department for Business Innovation and Skills, also found 87 per cent of motorsport businesses export products or services.

Bicester-based firm Stack, which manufactures electronic dashboard instruments and data and video

recording systems, generates 75 per cent of its income from overseas.

The firm, which has a £2m turnover and employs 18 people, has also successfully expanded into the defence sector.

Managing director Alan Rock explained: "Motorsport is a harsh

environment in terms of temperature, shock, vibration and water.

"Having developed a product that meets those needs, means we have created something which also is appropriate for the defence environment."

Mr Rock added that the speed of production required by motorsport is also an advantage when transferring skills to other sectors.

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**LEFT: David Richards of Prodrive**



**RIGHT: Alan Rock of Stack**



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## Shades of the north in print



WHEN he was an art student in Lancashire, Iain Hodgkinson, in his own words “fell in love with print-making” and with the unpredictability of the medium, describing this as its “unknown-ness”.

For while the print-maker starts with their vision of a finished piece, the variability within the process that is print-making often results in an unanticipated effect.

Following a career in public service Hodgkinson was able, four years ago, to return to printmaking full time and he has developed a substantial portfolio and a following.

Now he continues to be inspired by the north of England and in particular Cumbria — its mixed

By Anne James

topography of coastal and inland waters, its boats, its farmsteads and dwellings, its farm animals and the wildlife. He describes his work as “consisting of textural, aesthetic forms” which he builds from the actual realities he sees and experiences and photographs.

This is the first time he has exhibited in Oxfordshire, opening his world to all at the Owen Mumford Gallery, Chipping Norton Theatre, 2 Spring Street, Chipping Norton.

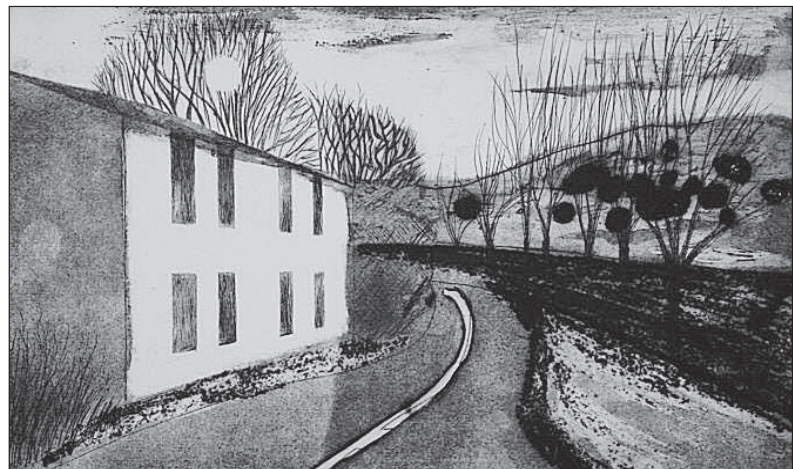
The exhibition, which runs until Wednesday, February 5, from 11am to 3pm, is comprised of 20 framed pieces of work plus a selection of mounted unframed pieces and a range of postcards.

All the work on show is small: 10cm x 10cm to 50cm x 50cm. Hodgkinson explains that prints are inevitably limited in size by the size of the press used. He always prints his own images, keeping each to small editions, a maximum of 20.

Printmaking is the process of making artworks by printing on to board or paper. The process enables the maker to produce multiples of the same piece, each of which is original and unique. Printmaking embraces a number of different techniques. Of these Hodgkinson favours collagraph and intaglio.

Collagraph employs differential amounts of inking and combines this with the depth of relief that the printmaker has created on the collagraphic plate's highly textured surface.

*Watendlath, Cumbria*, illustrated here, exemplifies the successful use of collagraphy to create a sense of mood and place. Capturing as it does the barns nestling in the crook of the valley, the intensity of the dark trees and hedges behind them which inevitably draw the eye towards the barns themselves and the wintery path that runs



in front of them. And then bringing the picture to a formal close by depicting a short length of sturdy fencing.

In *Birds' Nests*, Hodgkinson combines collagraph and drypoint to capture the bleak simplicity of a winter scene, the dwelling framing black lines of the serpentine road on the

other side of which are the winter trees sporting an abundance of nests.

In *Barbondale*, also illustrated, Hodgkinson uses wood cut with mixed media. Wood is incised to produce indentations and reliefs, and depending on the scale of the incisions, results range from delicate lines to substantial

statements. The diminutive delicacy of each engraving is enhanced by the scale on which they have been made.

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Banbury's fly-half Alex Fogavini

## Bulls battle for victory

**BANBURY Bulls were made to work hard for a 18-15 Midlands 2 West South victory at lowly Dunlop.**

Fly-half Alex Fogavini's injury-time try won it for Banbury, who climbed to fourth in the table, but Dunlop missed a penalty to equalise at the death.

Fogavini put Bulls ahead with a penalty, but Dunlop kicker Danny James replied in kind.

Banbury enjoyed their best period of the match when good handling by the backs created two quick tries.

First, Josh Deegan was put clear on the right wing and when he was stopped just short of the line, the supporting David Taylor was on hand to score.

Another attack saw the ball go through

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| Dunlop        | 15 |
| Banbury Bulls | 18 |

several pair of hands and wing Lawrence Jackson crossed for an excellent team try.

Dunlop hit back to lead 15-13, with prop Aaron Jarvis and hooker Alex Clohessy scoring tries, James converting the former.

Bulls dug in to keep Dunlop at bay in the second half before Fogavini found the space to cross for the winning try in the corner.

There was still time for Dunlop a penalty, but James's kick came up agonisingly short.

Banbury have now won three games in a row.



Banbury try scorer David Taylor

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### ARIES

**Mar 21-Apr 19**

You are experiencing such an array of emotions that you probably don't know if you're coming or going at the moment, do you dear Aries? They say a problem shared is a problem halved and that's never truer than this week. You're getting to know a familiar face even better in recent days and realise you can share real emotions and feelings with them. Ring now for more on this eventful time.

**0906 585 4360**

### LIBRA

**Sep 23-Oct 22**

You don't like spending money you can't see, but you're going to have to part with your cash and invest if you're going to make what you've got permanent and secure. News of a split in your circle gives you reason to seek out someone you care for and offer them comfort and also to question where you're going with your own relationships too. Ring now to hear about tomorrow today.

**0906 585 4366**

### TAURUS

**Apr 20-May 20**

You're emotionally drained, but you're trying to put on a brave face. Take some time out for you Taurus. After all, if you don't make yourself a priority, then why should anyone else? A setback in work must be sorted out as it happens. It's the only way you'll find a solution and get past what occurs. Give me a ring now to hear how home issues can be addressed and solved by Friday too.

**0906 585 4361**

### SCORPIO

**Oct 23-Nov 21**

Your hard work and charm pays off and you get help to get jobs done and to open doors. Make this the week you do take on more and that you push for your dreams, as others will find it hard to say no to you Scorpio. Don't ruin a close ones dream and withdraw support just because you don't have time. Show support from the sidelines and they'll impress you beyond your dreams. Ring now for insight.

**0906 585 4367**

### GEMINI

**May 21-Jun 20**

You're investing money, but you could also see yourself losing some too. Don't get scared, but get informed Gemini. It's the power you need to make reasoned decisions about your future. Someone is using you and it's time you let them know what they're up to. See if they're still there when they can't use your finances or time as their own. Ring now so we can make the best of your life.

**0906 585 4362**

### SAGITTARIUS

**Nov 22-Dec 21**

Work may prove a struggle, but with the things you can achieve it's going to be worth it. You may have to cancel social obligations but will it be worth it? Yes it will, especially when you see the competition you've finally caught up with. The Sun brings out your competitive side meaning you can face challenges with joy and confidence. Ring now so we can talk about relationships.

**0906 585 4368**

### CANCER

**Jun 21-Jul 22**

You have more than most to get through this week and you're doing an admirable job. Why not put pride to one side midweek though, and accept the offers of help you'll be getting. You're unlikely to be asked a second time and could miss out on taking things to a higher level if you don't. Don't be scared. This is your time and what you've been waiting for. Ring now for more on this opportune month.

**0906 585 4363**

### CAPRICORN

**Dec 22-Jan 19**

The time has come Capricorn, to give up bad habits and to part from those who are bad influences and who bring you down. Things of an official nature stand a better chance of getting tied up this week, than they did last. You breathe a sigh of relief as someone who was relying on you takes on a more important role for themselves. Call me, we need to talk about last week properly.

**0906 585 4369**

### LEO

**Jul 23-Aug 22**

So we know you have some apologetic to do and I can also see that you have no intention of saying sorry. At least attempt to right that wrong or you could lose the respect of the person concerned on a permanent basis. A friend's harsh advice is meant with the best of intentions so try not to bite their head off this weekend. Phone now to get your priorities and life in order.

**0906 585 4364**

### AQUARIUS

**Jan 20-Feb 18**

You have not been as honest about what work is entailed in current proceedings as you should have been and so you may be feeling somewhat overwhelmed. Don't be put off by the constructive criticism close ones offer you about your life. They see what you're going through and can help if you'd let them in. Ring now to hear about the great future I'm looking at for you.

**0906 585 4370**

### VIRGO

**Aug 23-Sep 22**

Relationships for a Virgo are never straightforward. You're either not getting enough attention, or feeling suffocated that you're getting too much. If only you would talk to the person concerned instead of third parties then we'd all know where we stand. Don't cancel family commitments. I know you're going to want to hear, for yourself. Give me a call to hear why it's worth putting up with family's difficult demands this week.

**0906 585 4365**

### PISCES

**Feb 19-Mar 20**

You think you're helping a close one, but you're actually hindering them. Sometimes you have to let your loved ones find out on their own if they can achieve things and this is one of those times Pisces. Group work pays well and opens up avenues you hadn't previously considered for yourself. Give me a call to hear why it's worth putting up with family's difficult demands this week.

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# Lurid characters wallow in grime of Wall Street

**THE WOLF OF WALL STREET** (18, 180 mins) Drama/Comedy/Romance. Leonardo DiCaprio, Jonah Hill, Margot Robbie, Matthew McConaughey, Jean Dujardin, Kyle Chandler, Joanna Lumley, Cristin Milioti. Director: Martin Scorsese.

Based on the memoirs of New York stockbroker Jordan Belfort, *The Wolf Of Wall Street* is a lurid portrait of debauchery following the same misaligned moral compass as Oliver Stone's Oscar-winning 1987 drama *Wall Street*.

Greed isn't just good, it's a cornerstone of this gaudy, hallucinogenic American dream, allowing the unscrupulous to prey on the weak and vulnerable in order to finance flashy apartments, fast cars and copious amounts of nose candy.

It's hard to believe that 71-year-old Martin Scorsese, whose last film was the family-friendly fantasy *Hugo*, is the ringmaster of this booze-, sex-, coke- and testosterone-fuelled circus.

The director pulls no punches in his depiction of Belfort's wild excesses including myriad scenes of pill-popping and a slow motion orgy on a private jet – the film wears its 18 certificate as a badge of honour.

"On a daily basis, I take enough drugs to sedate Manhattan, Staten Island and Queens... for a month," boasts Jordan (Leonardo DiCaprio) in his opening voiceover.

He owns a sprawling mansion replete with swimming pool, tennis

court and waterfall, plus a white Ferrari "like Don Johnson's in *Miami Vice*."

In flashback, we meet Jordan as he nervously starts a position with brokers at Rothschild, where charismatic golden boy, Mark Hanna (Matthew McConaughey), takes the newcomer under his tailored wing.

In the aftermath of Black Monday, Jordan loses his job and is forced to sell penny stocks at a fly-by-night operation in Long Island.

Blessed with the gift of the gab, Jordan excels and decides to open his own firm, Stratton Oakmont, with salesman Donnie Azoff (Jonah Hill).

The business goes from strength to strength and Jordan jettisons his wife, Teresa (Cristin Milioti), to romance blonde bombshell Naomi Lapaglia (Margot Robbie).

Meanwhile, the "work hard, play harder" mantra of Stratton Oakmont attracts the attentions of tenacious FBI Agent Patrick Denham (Kyle Chandler), who resolves to bring down Jordan and his gluttonous inner circle.

As the noose tightens around Jordan's neck, he involves Naomi's aunt Emma (Joanna Lumley) in his enterprises and attempts to deposit money in a Swiss bank account overseen by Jean Jacques Saurel (Jean Dujardin).

*The Wolf Of Wall Street* howls but doesn't bite.

It offers us a cautionary tale that revels in Jordan's triumphs for so long, we almost forget he must get his comeuppance.

Scorsese's directorial skill,



Leonardo DiCaprio, as Jordan Belfort, in a scene from *The Wolf of Wall Street*

coupled with DiCaprio's twitchy lead performance, ease some of the pain of the excessive running time, and the nasty stink of the script's depiction of women as suckers and sex objects.

While individual scenes pulsate with misplaced youthful exuberance, as a whole, *The Wolf Of Wall Street* and its repugnant characters overstay their welcome.

We hanker for a shower to wash away the grubbiness and grime of Jordan's enterprises well before the three hours are up.

## CakeWhat's on

### Music

**FRIDAY: Castle House, Cornhill, Market Square, Banbury:**

Strummer Room Project. An evening of eclectic music. 8pm - Bradley Taylor - a rhythm guitarist, singer and songwriter from Banbury's Punch Drunk Monkey Club; 8.45pm - Simon Dwight - a self-taught guitarist from the age of 14, Simon has modelled his style on riffs and rhythms; 9.30pm - Eagle and Weeks Hailing from Southampton Eagle and Weeks are an acoustic duo with guitar, vocals & percussion inspired by the likes of Newton Faulkner, Placebo, Mumford and Sons, Frank Turner, Ed Sheeran and Eminem will get the crowd singing along. 10.30pm Spinner Fall - they will deliver an intensely turbulent noise that somehow marries shoegaze glissando with a post-punk brittleness and a throat-shredding, hectoring delivery that can variously remind you of Ride, Husker Du and The Fall, all at the same time. Featuring DJ

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### Theatre

**The Mill Arts Centre, Spiceball Park, Banbury:**

Jan 24 Guns 2 Roses - a tribute. 8pm. £16, concession £14. NB: standing event.

Jan 25, *Jack and the Beanstalk*. This classic fairytale now gets the Lyngo treatment so expect lots of surprises, a gripping story and beautiful images as Jack sells his cow for some magic beans and finds himself in the land above the clouds. 11.30am. £7, family £23. Suitable for 6mths - 7yrs.

Jan 25, Paul Daniels: The First Farewell Tour. From Legend to Leg End! A successful TV magician and a true legend. See this new show where he will perform a selection of his favourite

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## Sleek Kia comes without a catch

By David Duffy

A NATURALLY suspicious colleague quickly weighed up the vital statistics of the Kia Carens and looked a little puzzled.

The spacious, seven-seater people carrier has sleek looks, a modern interior, economical engine, an awesome warranty package — and a price tag starting at under £20,000. “What’s the catch?” he asked.

There is none. Kia’s third generation Carens is a thoroughly compelling package and the last piece in a design jigsaw that has seen the transformation of the Korean brand. It is much better-looking and more desirable than the previous model, and although it has slightly smaller overall dimensions, clever packaging has made it just as spacious and versatile.

The family-friendly features of the Carens are naturally what will prove to be its biggest selling points, but the major surprise is that it is a cracker to drive. Coming with a choice of three engines, it delivers neat, precise, nimble handling with a comfortable and quiet ride. And that has all been achieved while still delivering the down-to-earth practicality essential in any people carrier.

The car now has three individual sliding and reclining centre-row seats in place of a split bench and two separate seats in the rear, all of

which fold flat. The standard cooled glovebox is supplemented by second-row under-floor storage, a centre console box, front and rear door pockets large enough to hold drinks bottles and front seat-back pockets.

The front seat backs also have fold-up tables with cupholders in most versions, and the middle-row centre seat folds to create a table. A longer, wider and taller luggage area and — for the first time — an under-floor compartment to store the cargo screen adds to the car’s versatility. The front passenger’s seat also folds flat to allow exceptionally long loads to be carried.

The Carens comes with a choice of three engines, two transmissions, and three trim and equipment packages with cruise control and air conditioning standard across the range.

The mid-range test model’s level of sophistication is illustrated by the leather-trimmed steering wheel, that



**BETTER LOOKING:** The new Carens is more desirable

has three levels of power assistance, and is covered with no fewer than 16 buttons, including one that allows voice control of the major systems.

Upmarket touches range from automatic headlight control, rain-sensing front wipers and electrically folding door mirrors with ‘puddle lamps’, to dual-zone air conditioning and reversing sensors.

All this is wrapped in a classy cabin of black high-gloss panels, metallic finish door handles and chrome accents.

And Kia’s seven-year, 100,000-mile transferable warranty should be enough to reassure anyone that the Carens comes without any catch.

### Auto facts

**Model:** Kia Carens 2 1.7 CRDI manual  
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### Roadsafetynews

## Number of older drivers continues to climb

THERE are now more than seven million drivers over the age of 65 on the UK’s roads, according to road safety charity, the Institute of Advanced Motorists (IAM). The number of drivers over 65 reached 7,191,192 in November 2013. This makes up 19 per cent of all drivers with full driving licences. The figures come from driving licence data published by the DVLA in December 2013.

They also show that:  
 ● There are 4,068,498 drivers over the age of 70.  
 ● There are 1,101,779 drivers over

the age of 80.  
 ● 195 drivers are over 100 years.  
 Of the drivers over 65, 367,711 or five per cent have points on their licence. For drivers over seventy the figure is 195, 773 or five per cent with points. 35,498, three per cent of drivers over 80 have points. This compares favourably with middle-aged drivers. The age group most likely to have points on their licence is 42 year-olds. Of the 816,915 licence holders in that group, 82,929 or 10 per cent have points.  
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3,339,826 licence holders, 270,817 with points, or eight per cent.

This supports research by the IAM that shows that older drivers are in fact safer than many other drivers. Where older drivers have slower reaction times, they use their experience on the road to compensate by driving at slower speeds on all occasions and allowing more space between them and other road users.

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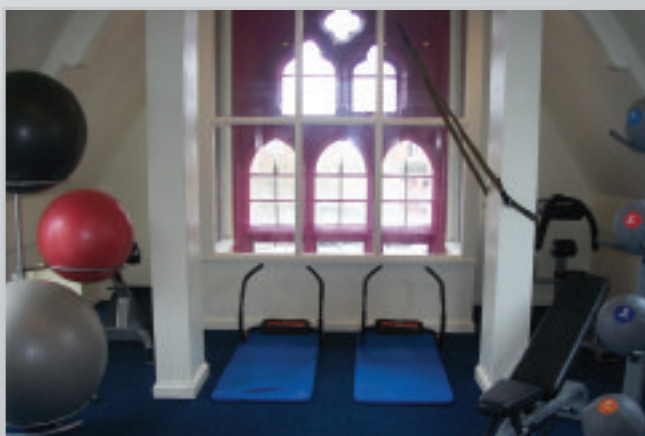
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